

## The Daily Gazette

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## FIRST EDITION.

## Special to Advertisers.

Beginning with October 1st, the GAZETTE, in deference to solicitations from advertisers, will locate a limited number of advertisements on the first page. Fifty per cent. additional will be charged for advertisements located on the first page 25 per cent. for those on the eighth page and 10 per cent. for those specially located on any other page of the paper.

As present contracts expire, no advertisement will be taken at less than the rates now established.

No advertisement for first page will be contracted prior to October 1st.

## RED-HOT FIREMEN.

Faith Acknowledged but Reform Proposed—A Warm Discussion—Fire Alarm—New Secretary Elected—Other Business of Last Night's Meeting.

The fire department held another meeting last night at the city hall for the purpose of transacting general business. Mr. Askew was present and explained to the department the uses and advantages of the fire alarm telegraph system. He gave an accurate account of the workings of the system and the great facilities it afforded the department in locating fires. He said he had been in correspondence with some parties in reference to the cost of a sufficient number of boxes for the city. He also was in favor of increasing the facilities of the fire department by buying more hose and hose carriages. He said the city ought to expend some money for the purchase of a horse for the purpose of pulling the hose over the city. This suggestion was greeted with applause.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Askew, the chairman of the committee on fire department, for his interest in the welfare of the department.

The resignation of Harry Cobb, as secretary of the department, was accepted, and Stewart Harrison was elected to fill the vacancy.

It was suggested that on account of the somewhat onerous duties of the office of secretary, that he be allowed a compensation for his services.

Mr. Allison moved that the secretary be allowed four dollars for each regular meeting and two dollars for called meetings.

Mr. Gay moved to allow the secretary one dollar for regular meetings and fifty cents for called meetings. No second.

Mr. Bowdry moved to amend Mr. Gay's motion by paying the secretary two dollars for regular meetings and one dollar for called meetings. The amendment was adopted and the original motion as amended carried.

Mr. Harrison then tendered his resignation as secretary of the department and asked its immediate acceptance. He stated when he nominated that it was intended for him to serve. He was urged by several members to withdraw the resignation, which he did reluctantly. He was then authorized to purchase a record book.

Considerable time was consumed in desultory remarks about the efficiency of the Holly system of water works and the use to be made of the fire engine in case the system failed to do its duty.

The chief of the department said that he had requested the authorities to remove the rock and dirt from the mouth of the cisterns so that they could be used if necessary, but it had not been done.

Mr. Nesbitt moved that the chief be instructed to see the authorities and have the debris taken away from the cisterns at once. The motion prevailed.

The engineer was authorized to fill up the cisterns to-day from the hydrants.

Mr. Hill moved to request the city authorities to tap the water mains near the cisterns and put in a supply pipe for the purpose of filling the cisterns. The motion was tabled.

Mr. Mulkey made some sound and sensible suggestions to the foremen of the different companies. He said some charges had been made against the department which were unjust and some that were just. He said that in future he, as chief, would order drills, and if he was criticized it would be for a lack of severity and not for a lack of a proper discharge of his duties. (Applause.)

Mr. Hoezle, president of the department, also made a speech in which he urged upon firemen their duties and said that some officious interference occurred last Sunday which should not be tolerated and the chief should cut off the heads of any assistants who refuse to obey orders and discharge their duty and that such insubordination was as witnessed on that occasion should not occur again.

Mr. Mulkey spoke again and illustrated the origin and progress of last Sunday's fire, from the diagram in the GAZETTE of Monday, and said that perhaps there might have been some disobedience, but he thought it was an error of the head and not of the heart.

Mr. Hoezle made another talk, and openly charged that last Sunday's fire was not managed as it should have been done or the brick building and some other property might have been saved. He said that the chiefs were at work, however, when they should have been in command.

Mr. Nesbitt agreed also that the fire was badly managed, but he was glad to see the discussion taking the course it had. It would bring about an improvement in the handling of hose and in the subjection of fires. He said it was an absolute shame that the brick building should have been burned. The pipes were all placed where they were needed least and there were no pipes where they were needed most. He illustrated the bad display of skill and want of management too forcibly to be denied and which all acknowledged by silence. He stated that every building in the block could have been saved except

the stable and the small frame house next to it. This was also acknowledged by silence. He urged upon the department to perfect itself at once and retrieve itself from the shame it suffered in its recent defeat. The department then adjourned.

## COUNTY ASSESSMENT.

An Increase of Four Million Dollars Over Last Year in Personal Property.

Day before yesterday the county commissioners considered and approved the annual report of the county assessor. Below is given the assessments under their different heads:

City lots, value.....	\$2,240,212
2772 vehicles, value.....	38,198
Machinery, value.....	122,098
Materials and manufactured articles, value.....	4,723
10,187 horses & mules, value.....	285,722
29,043 cattle, value.....	452,953
213,000 sheep, value.....	3,079
1375 goats, value.....	17,115
9729 hogs, value.....	18,792
Merchandise, value.....	77,259
Money on hand.....	11,280
Miscellaneous, value.....	1,351,906

Total value on all personal property.....\$5,114,729

Total number of acres of land in Tarrant county, 94,391.

Total value of same.....\$2,730,000

The assessments show a considerable increase in all the different grades over those of last year, as follows:

Total increase in value of real estate, \$ 164,744

Total increase in value of personal property is about numbers.....1,000,000

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## Base Ball.

The National Base Ball Club of this city left for Colorado City last night to play two games with the club in that place. The boys have recovered from their recent defeat in Dallas, and have strong hopes of winning both games in Colorado City. The Colorado boys pay all the expenses of the Nationals to and from their city. Tickets were sent to the club day before yesterday, and a pleasant trip is expected, whether they are successful or not. The players who left are as follows: Slattery, Snead, Jeffries, Davis, Nelson, Brooks, Bishop, Cooper and Green. The GAZETTE is getting disgusted with reporting their defeats, and wishes them success in Colorado City.

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## DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Hood Not to be Present at Its Commencement Next Monday.

Sheriff Maddox has received a letter from Judge A. J. Hood, stating that he will not be present when district court convenes on Monday, and asking that the members of the bar elect a special judge and proceed with the business before the court. Judge Hood will probably be here to take his seat on the bench a few days later.

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## The Cotton Trade.

About five hundred bales of cotton came into the city yesterday and sold at an average of over nine cents. The buyers say there will be more cotton brought to Fort Worth this season than there was last year and that the cotton seems to be of a better grade than that brought here in the early part of last season. The drought hurt the crop to some extent but it came too late in the season to cause disastrous results.

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## The Recorder's Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday: — Wear, assault; dismissed. E. E. Holman, assault; acquitted. Dr. Cooper, disturbing the peace; \$10.00. George Graham, riding on sidewalks; \$5.00. D. W. Massingale, disturbing the peace; \$5.00. Lee Holman, gambling; dismissed. John Langman, drunk; \$5.00. Lula Lee, prostitute; \$5.00. Charles Turner, gambling; \$5.00. Jack Reeves, drunk; \$5.00.

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## Accidentally Shot.

John Phillips, a young man now living in Grapevine, accidentally shot himself in the leg a few days ago by letting a pistol fall out of his hand. The ball entered the calf of his leg and came out on the opposite side just below the knee, inflicting a very painful but not serious wound.

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Mrs. C. D. Brown has received a full line of the new popular Jerseys, S. B. D. B. embroideries and plain.

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## Free Schools.

The GAZETTE learns from Mr. A. S. Nicholson, one of the trustees of the city, that the free schools will open in all the wards of the city on the 24th instant. In the first ward the building will be completed and the schools will open about the 15th of October.

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## CITY COUNCIL.

Sewer Work—Tour of Investigation by the Mayor and Council.

In pursuance of a special call, the city council met in the city hall yesterday afternoon at half past four o'clock, with his honor, Mayor Smith, in the chair. Present, Messrs. Aldrich, Adams, Andrews, Askew, Flanagan, Hickey and Haymaker. Mr. Elser absent. Mayor Smith opened the meeting by saying the object of the called meeting was for the purpose of considering the estimate of sewer work this week.

The estimate amounted to \$1,410 and was approved and ordered to be paid. Ordered that \$1,000 be transferred from the fund of sales of bonds to the credit of sewer fund.

Ordered that the council stand adjourned until the next regular meeting on Tuesday, the 18th instant.

After the council adjourned Mayor Smith and the councilmen got into some hacks and went on a tour of investigation through the city. The new school-house, on the east side of the city, between First and Second streets, claimed their attention first. They next visited the place of the proposed crossing of the Missouri Pacific railroad on First street, and discussed the feasibility of bridging it or grading the street down to the level of the track. The banks of the railroad cut at this point are about twelve feet high. The next stop was made at the foot of Main street, where they considered which street the Texas & Pacific railroad company should open up and Macadamize. The company has expressed a willingness to Macadamize Main street out as far as the railroad hospital.

They also say they will open up and macadamize any other street the council will name to an equal distance south of the city. Railroad crossings in general were discussed, and the party next investigated the different places at the western end of the city with the view of opening up and bridging a street for the benefit of those people who live out on and beyond Montgomery Hill. The mayor and council then returned to their homes.

At the next meeting of the council steps will probably be taken in reference to the needs of the city in these various points.

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## B. C. EVANS

With pleasure, announces to the public that his mammoth stock of

## FALL AND WINTER

## DRY GOODS, CLOTHING

## Boots, Shoes and Carpets,

Is now complete in every department, and, owing to the recent heavy decline in his goods, he is enabled to offer new, fresh and desirable goods at less prices than any of the thin dodges or so-called closing-out or bankrupt sales, goods at cost, etc., etc. So, if you want new goods, good goods and cheap goods, call and examine the immense stock of goods now in store and arriving in car-load lots by every train.

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## FIRE ALARM.

An Old Cot in the County Jail Catches Fire and Creates a General Alarm.

About half past ten o'clock yesterday morning the upper end of the city was startled by the cry of fire. The cause of the disturbance was the catching fire of an old cot in the county jail. The cot was in the sleeping apartment of the guards and ignited from a spark which escaped through an old stove pipe which ran from the kitchen through the floor of the room. It was soon extinguished by the guards and some outside assistance which had arrived shortly after the alarm. A barrel of water always stands in the jail to be used in case of an emergency like this. At the time of the fire there were thirty-three prisoners confined in the separate cells.

Their cries were heard some distance from the jail as they besought the officers to take them out. It was thought when first known that the fire was in the jail, that some of the prisoners had tried the building with the intention of trying to escape in the consequent confusion, and one of the deputy sheriffs fired off his pistol several times to attract a crowd of citizens to assist him in case of trouble with the prisoners.

A very high wind was blowing at the time and it is impossible to calculate the damage which would have followed had the fire succeeded in getting fully under way. Too much caution cannot be taken by all our citizens in this extremely dry weather, as a spark might burn up the city. Had such a wind as we had yesterday been blowing on Sunday last many blocks in the upper end of Fort Worth would now be under the ashes of a great and disastrous fire.

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## Cinderella.

The trustees of the Germania opera yesterday closed its doors against the management of the Cinderella company, but the owners of Godwin's hall, and managers of the transfer company very kindly offered the use of that building free of charge and Max Elser furnished a piano at the same price. The rehearsals will in the future be held at Godwin's hall which is large and convenient. Mrs. Benton's class is filling up very rapidly and she says it is one of the best classes she ever had and the rendition of Cinderella here will be equal if not superior to any previous one.

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